



# Motor Gasoline Watch

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## SUPPLY

- Stocks of motor gasoline edged upward last week, increasing for the eighth consecutive week. Total motor gasoline stocks were up 1.3 million barrels to end the week at 206.9 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline declined 0.1 million barrels to 40.4 million barrels while stocks of other finished gasoline increased 0.6 million barrels to 120.1 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 45.2 million barrels, 0.8 million barrels above the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 1.9 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 348 thousand barrels per day of which 106 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 35 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

### Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	06/30/00	07/07/00	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/23/99	06/30/00	07/07/00	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/23/99
East Coast (PADD I)	938	937	1,035	<b>978</b>	1,098	514	592	634	<b>596</b>	650
Midwest (PADD II)	1,959	2,174	2,116	<b>2,069</b>	1,946	268	260	288	<b>258</b>	256
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,720	3,721	3,768	<b>3,524</b>	3,510	668	656	731	<b>682</b>	712
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	274	319	280	<b>282</b>	259	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,434	1,439	1,451	<b>1,375</b>	1,233	1,001	1,014	970	<b>942</b>	904
U.S. Total	8,325	8,590	8,650	<b>8,228</b>	8,047	2,451	2,522	2,623	<b>2,478</b>	2,522

### Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	06/30/00	07/07/00	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/21/99	06/30/00	07/07/00	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/21/99
East Coast (PADD I)	56.5	56.8	55.6	<b>56.5</b>	60.6	17.4	17.7	17.5	<b>17.0</b>	18.9
Midwest (PADD II)	53.8	55.3	55.8	<b>58.2</b>	54.6	2.3	2.3	2.1	<b>2.8</b>	1.6
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	60.8	59.9	59.9	<b>57.6</b>	61.8	11.0	8.3	9.7	<b>9.6</b>	10.5
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	6.3	6.0	6.3	<b>6.3</b>	6.0	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	27.0	27.2	28.0	<b>28.3</b>	25.8	10.5	10.4	11.2	<b>11.0</b>	10.6
U.S. Total	204.5	205.1	205.6	<b>206.9</b>	208.8	41.2	38.8	40.5	<b>40.4</b>	41.6

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## PRICES

- Gasoline spot and futures prices fell sharply last week, pulled downward by a decline in crude oil prices reflecting reports that Saudi Arabia will increase crude oil production starting in August. After a brief increase on Tuesday, July 18, on OPEC statements that no increase would be necessary, prices dropped steadily through Monday, July 24. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline dropped 15.38 cents for the week to 75.25 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price fell 5.50 cents to 97.00 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline fell for the fifth straight week, dropping 2.6 cents to 152.0 cents per gallon as of July 24, 2000. The average has declined by 16.1 cents since June 19, to its lowest level since May 22, but stands 32.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Prices declined for all regions and formulations, led by a further decrease of more than 9 cents per gallon for RFG in the Midwest.

### Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	06/30/00	07/10/00	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/26/99	06/30/00	07/10/00	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/26/99
New York	93.92	89.80	90.63	<b>75.25</b>	59.23	102.00	97.15	99.75	<b>86.88</b>	60.58
Chicago	97.50	82.94	83.47	<b>69.50</b>	58.98	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Houston	95.29	87.78	86.13	<b>72.00</b>	57.13	100.88	95.53	94.38	<b>83.00</b>	58.05
Los Angeles	118.00	106.00	97.50	<b>92.00</b>	82.00	123.00	111.00	102.50	<b>97.00</b>	85.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

### Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	07/03/00	07/10/00	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/26/99	07/03/00	07/10/00	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/26/99
East Coast (PADD I)	155.3	154.7	152.5	<b>150.7</b>	111.4	165.5	164.6	164.1	<b>162.8</b>	117.6
Midwest (PADD II)	167.2	158.4	148.3	<b>145.2</b>	117.0	172.2	163.3	152.2	<b>143.0</b>	119.7
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	154.2	152.8	150.8	<b>148.7</b>	111.6	151.5	154.3	153.0	<b>151.4</b>	109.5
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	159.9	162.1	160.8	<b>158.9</b>	128.3	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	161.2	163.4	163.5	<b>163.3</b>	139.3	170.1	172.0	171.3	<b>170.5</b>	147.0
U.S. Average	160.9	156.9	151.6	<b>149.2</b>	116.6	166.6	165.1	162.0	<b>159.0</b>	125.2

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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